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## FIRST OF THE YEAR SHOULD BRING DECLINE IN PRICES

Attorney General Palmer States That the Cost of Living Is Already Under Control, That Prices Have Been Stationary Since August, and Looks For a Downward Trend During January and February-Movement Is to Be Accellerated By a Campaign Which the Government Is Just Now Getting Under Way-Tells of Seizures and Prosecutions.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Expectation of a decline in retail for prices beginhing between January 1 and March 1
was expressed tonight by Attorney
General Palmer in a statement summing up the efforts of the government to date in forcing down the

Commodities Seized.

"These seizures and prosecutions

"The cost of living, already under control." said the attorney general, "can be reduced if every one who pro-duces will produce his utmost. If those who buy and consume will save and eliminate exaravagance and if all honest people will join with the de-partment of jostice in stamping out profiteering and hoarding."

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Explaining that a downward trend in retail food prices ordinarily was shown during the first two months of a year, Mr. Paimer said it was the hope of the government "that this trend will be accelerated this year by the campaign initiated by the government which is just now getting well under way."

Although statistics compiled an-nually by the government show that in 1913 retail food prices increased dur-ing the fall months, Mr. Palmer said that since August this year such prices had been maintained practic-

prices had been maintained practically stationary.
Only since Oct. 22 when necessary amendments to the Lever food control act were proposed, the attorney gencial statement said, has it been possible to deal effectively with all cases of profitcering and hoarding. From October 22 to date 179 prosecutions have been instituted and prosecutions and seizures have covered eighteen states, it was added.

Due to cooperation between the

Due to cooperation between the government and various retail merchants' associations, the statement said prevailing profits of clothing had been reduced from five to fifty

The statement which was issued with the authorization of the government officials associated with the attorney general in the camping to force down living costs, including Director Generi of Raifroads Hines, was considered in some quarters as a summary or the government's position in the face of the recently renewed detained of raifroad workers for an increase in pay. The railroad sopmen publicly and 2 the other raifroad crafts builty agreed in August at the suggestion of President Wilson to postpane the demands for increased pay for allowy doys to await efforts of the government to bring down prices.

The National Retail Clothing Dealers' Association have recently established their pre-war margins of profit as being fair and have so advised their entire membership, representing approximately 90 per cent. of the retained deline at clothing dealers of America. They have also appointed a diligence committee to hunt up profiteers within their membership and report to the United States attorney in their respective districts violations of margins of profits as set up by their organization. These profits show from five to fifty per cent reduction over prevailing profits of past few months.

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October 1 to November 1, and remained practically stationary from
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the four years from 1915 to 1918, inclusive retail food prices show a decided upward from August 1 to
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as compared with August, while the

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gation, for seizures and for prosecutions, if the facts warrant.

Commodities Seized.

"These seizures and prosecutions have covered cighteen states and the commodities seized have included eggs, butter, cheese, pork, poultry, and, fish, sugar, potatoes, coffee, flour and canned goods. Fifty-three of the above cases have already been disposed of by releasing the goods under bond of agreement to dispose of same within a specified time and at a reas sonable price under the direction of the United States attorneys. In no case hax the market been flooded by the wholesale disposal of such goods. In three cases involving hoarding, fines and jail sentences have been imposed. In one case a fine of \$250 and three months in jail, and in a third case a fine of \$3,000 and five months in jail, and in a third case a fine of \$3,000 and five months in jail, and in a third case a fine of \$3,000 and five months in jail, and in a third case a fine of \$3,000 and five months in jail, and in a third case a fine of \$3,000 and five months in jail, and in a third case a fine of \$3,000 and five months in jail, and in a third case a fine of \$3,000 and five months in jail, and in a third case a fine of \$3,000 and five months in jail, and in a third case a fine of \$3,000 and five months in jail, and in a third case a fine of \$3,000 and five months in jail. This latter case has been appealed. Results of investigations are now 'ring laid before a grand jury in several districts and reports of large numbers of indictments are expected in the near future. Wherever possible a determined effort will be made to obtain jail sentences.

"A very solemn duty to assist in reducing the cost of living about cooperation in this direction the analysis of produced. Very helpful cooperation has been obtained, which has had a marked tendency not only to solo the produced the produced of the produced tendency not only to solo the produced ten

blightly lessened but decided upward trend to November 1 to December 1. This year duting September and October an actual reduction in the general level of retail prices was effected as compared with August, while the figure for November, although slightly above that of October, shows no increase above the August returns. In other words, he official data clearly show the significant fact that the cost of living as indicated by retail prices was no greater in November of this Over than it was in August, while during former years, extending hack to 1911, the returns for November to 1912, the returns for November to 1913, the returns for November to 1914, the returns for November t

## Canada an Outlet For Our "Red Liquor

Canadian Dealers Might Attempt to Salvage Thousands of Gallons.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—Reports, were cur-rent today that Canadian liquor deal-ers might attempt to "salvage" many of the hundreds of thousands of gal-ons of "red liquor" which must be-shipped from the United States before the federal prohibition amendment be-tomes of "feetive, I annuary 15.

omes effective January 16.
Whether dealers would seek Amercan imports, it was said, depended
hiefly on whether they considered it
likely provincial acts prohibiting sale likely provincial acts prohibiting sale of liquor would be repealed by the various governments. Repeal of Dominior war time liquor legislation, which prevented inter-provincial traffic, manufacture of liquor and import, has created a peculiar situation in which liquor may be freely imported but not sold because of prohibition acts effective in every province but Quebec. There sales are restricted to beer and wine.

ADOPTED PASSIVE POLICY

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 22.- The coal operators of the central competitive field will maintain a "passive policy" in regard to the personnel of the comin regard to the person mission-appeared by Festigent Wison to investigate the coal situation and the miners wage controversy and will determine their attitude later, according to a statement tonight by Phil H. Penna, spokesman for the operators of the central field during recent negotiations between the operators and the miners.

miners.

Asked for his opinion as to the fitness of the persons named on the commission by the president. Mr. Penna

The central competitive district operators and miners having been the participants in all the wage negotiations up to this time, and the operators in the other sections having agreed to accept their conclusions, we feel that any commissio nappointed should be composed of men from this district, and all of our propositions to arbitrate and all of our propositions to arbitrate our difficulties were made on this as-sumption. The president thought sumption. The president thought otherwise and in my opinion has made a good selection."

GEN. PERSHING DENOUNCED BY CONGRESSMAN SCHALL

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 22.—Congressman Thomas D. Schall of Minnesota denounced General John J. Pershing in an address today. He declared that the general was seeking the presidency of the United States and was "absolutely unfit for the office."

Congressman Schall was the only member of congress to vote against conferring the full rank of general on the overseas commander-in-chief of the American army.

"My objection to rewarding Pershing with a full generalship was not that it would foster militarism, but it would be rewarding an unworthy officer, and

un-American, unrepresentative officer

Mr. Schall said General Pershing was "inhuman and cruel" and that he censered information that went from France to America to his own advan-tage. He also attacked General Per-shing for his alleged "snub" of the congressional committee that went to France.

Condensed Telegrams

State Senator Ross Graves of Buf-

Paris confidently expects the peac

President Wilson renominated John kelton Williams as Controller of

Legislation continuing Federal con ol of sugar to June 30, mpleted by Congress,

Anthony M. J. Drexel mansion at Drexel Hill, Pa., near Philadelphia, was destroyed by fire. Loss is esti-mated at \$60,0000.

Cancelling of passenger trains durg Christmas week led to wild dis-rders at Vienna stations. Thous-nds of intending travelers broke the gives cordons and invaded the trains hich were jummed with passengers.

fore the senate agricultural committee in August and urged that mond ments asked by the president be passed. Not until October 22 how ever, did these amendments become a law and only since that time has it been possible to deal effectively with all cares of po Mexico recently, was arranged in the superior court loday on charges of promoting anarchy by distributing certain circulars. He pleaded not guilty and was held in \$5,000 bondh. Bail was furnished.

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CROP OF CUBAN SUGAR

(Mark Twain) at 351 Farmington avenue, where "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn' were written, was sold today by Richard M. Bissell, president of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, to J. J. and F. Ahern of this city. The house was built by Mr. Clemens in 1870 and until a sphyxiated in his room toda a private.

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## Airing M. thid of Coal MINERS' LEAD Strike Settlement

Senator Frelinghuysen Says There Must Have Been Some Sort of a Secret Deal.

Washington, Dec. 22.-Entering into the controversy raging about the governments proposals for settlement of the coal strike, Senator Freling-huysen, republican, New Jersey, chairwas destroyed by fire. Loss is estimated at \$60,0000.

Announcement was made by the Beigian office that an economic agreement between France and Beigiam to the senate committee investigating in a formal statement tonight declared, that in the government's negotiations "there must have been some sort of a secret deal made in addition to the signed statement."

Clemenceau will be the next Presifent of France, according to circles
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anominiated unanimously.

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Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Plants and Structures under
Commissioner Whalen.

High to the signed statement."

Explaining that he spoke for himself only, and not for other members
of his committee, Senator Frelinghuysen reviewed the testimony adduced by
the committee hearing today and added that out of the settlement of the
strike 'In any event the public may
leok for an increase in the price of
conditional or another strike."

The New Jersey senator character-

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American peace commission, headed by Frank Polk, Undersecretary of State, arrived at New York after a stormy voyage from Brest.

A new planet is believed to be responsible for irregularities in the motion of the planet Neptune, Professor Harold Jacoby of Columbia University announced.

An order granting amnesty to military offenders was passed by the Canadian Cabinet. War-time restrictions on liquor are expected to be soon removed.

Paderewski's purchases in American were discussed at a meetign of the Polish Diet. The premier explained that purchases were "made for military reasons."

Despite government efforts to reduce the cost of living in the United States, the price of 22 stapic foods increased 12 per cent. during the month of November.

Premier Skulkis, after paying homage to former Premier Paderewski, in the Poljsh Diet, read the government's proposal as finally draftically the proposal as finally draftically draftica

Internal Revenue Bureau is getting well along with the organization of its field force for administration of the prohibition enforcement law and is prepared to put a killing hold on prepared to put a killing hold on the Rarleycorn.

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Cunard liner Saxonia arrived at Halfax from England, after a 14 days toyage. Captain R. V. Peel and Purser William Ballyn were given a vote of thanks by the passengers for the skilfull handling of the ship and attention to those on board.

Louisville suspended every day activities for a moment and when whistles were blown—a predetermined signal—everybody recited the American Legion campaign for 160 per cent.

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## **CONTEMPT OF CO**

Alexander Howat, President of the Kansas District of the U. M. of A., Ordered to Appear Before Judge Anderson In Federal Court at Indianapolis Next Monday at 2 P. M .-Howat Is Charged With Violating Federal Court Injunction Against Furtherance of the Strike of the Coal Miners -Judge States That Howat Has "Breathed Defiance" and That He Is Going to Show Him That There Is a Government In This Country.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 22 .- Alexan | Anderson declared that the Lever act, ler Howat, president of the Kansas | district (No. 14) of the United Mine Workers of America, tonight is in )an

workers of America, tonight is in jail here awaiting hearing on a charge of contempt of court for alleged violation of the federal court injunction against furtherance of the strike of coal miners. Hearing has been set for next Monday at 2 p. m.

Howat appeared in federal court this morning at the order of United States District Judge A. B. Anderson. He was under bond of \$10.000 provided in the form of a check on a Kansas bank. Judge Anderson disapproved of this form of bond and immediately after the afternoon session of court began at 2 o'clock remanded the miners' official to jail until he reached a decision as to the amount and kind of bond which will be acceptable.

Judge Anderson this morning denounced Howat for his attitude in connection with the court's injunction against the strike and declared:

"Either I have to vindicate the law or abdicate in favor of Mr. Howat."

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The hearing this morning began with a response by Henry Warrum, chief counsel for the United Mine Workers of America, in which the position was taken that Howat, in keeping in force a local strike of 1,000 miners in the Kansas district, which was called last July, did not violate the injunction against furtherance of the general strike, but compiled with instruction of the miners' general committee in that operation of mines in Kansas was resumed on the same basis as obtained

operation of mines in Kansas was resumed on the same basis as obtained on Oct. 31, the date the general strike became effective.

Dan W. Simms, special assistant district attorney, representing the government, followed with an outline of the evidence against Howat. He declared the Kansas miners' official had issued several statements or given newspaper interviews in violation of the injunction and asserted that the local strike was merged with the general strike was merged with the general strike on Oct. 31, and thereafter was affected by any action which had to do with the general strike.

In reviewing the miners' case Judge

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on the war time prohibition law as-a-parallel case, upholding the theory that the war measures still are effective. He said he had defined the law on Nov. 8 and that the miners' officials had knowledge of that definition.

"This defendant," he declared, "according to the statements in the verified bill of information which was filed here on Dec. 3, violated this order (the court's injunction) and the Lever law every hour since that time. " "Now the question is what shall I do? It is perfectly plain that this man has not in good faith attempted to comply with the order of this court. It is quite apparent that there is ample ground for the grand jury to bring a bill against him for a felony. What should I do under the circumstances? Why, hold him, of course. That is what I should do. Now I continued this case to a time when be could get connsel, as he wants, and the government can get its witnesses here to prove as to whether he has been contumacious and in the meantime I am going to hold this man right here under the jurisdiction of this court."

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During the outline of the government's case by Mr. Simms it was declared that during the 35 months before Dec. 31, 1918, there were 354 atrikes in the Kansas field under the leadership of Howat. It was stated that Howat probably did not call all of the strikes, but that he was responsible for the organization which made them possible and that he was feared by both operators and business men in the Kansas district as wielding a power too great for them to combat. Judge Anderson asserted that he considered the situation in the Kansas fields as intolerable, and said that Howat would have to change his attitude toward the law and the court if he expected to secure his liberty. He declared that Howat had "breathed defiance" right here in Indianapolm and that he was going to show him that there is a government in this country.

EFFORTS MADE TO PROVE

SIMPLE LIFE OF QUEEN MARY OF GREAT BRITAIN

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Indianapolis Ind., Dec. 22.—Martin
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Jenners, 87, who created a censation
in Indiana a few years ago, when he
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his objection to all religion, was found
asphyziated in his room today.

BID OF \$327,000 HAS BEEN
ACCEPTED FOR CAMP MILLS
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ownWashington, Dec. 22.—The bid of
\$327,000 submitted by the Buffalo
House Wrecking company, Buffale, N.
Y. for Camp Mills L. L. was accepted
today by the war department.

MARY OF GREAT BRITAIN

London, Dec. 22.—The first, and at
the same time the most levoled subject of King Geo.ge is Queen Mary,
says a chronicler of curve happenings
in a current article. The queen never
makes plans of her own until she ascertains what calls the bing is likely
to make on the time and his desires
are immediately transfered and recently the queen led the life of
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